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Welcome

*Welcome to Ellsworth Air Force Base and South Dakota.
We hope this assignment will be one of your best.*

Ellsworth is 10 miles east of Rapid City, S.D. The relationship between Ellsworth and Rapid City is exemplified by Ellsworth's main entrance, constructed to symbolize a B-52 Stratofortress, one of the aircraft formerly flown by the 28th Bomb Wing. It was a gift from the citizens of Rapid City.

Many scenic sights surround Ellsworth. From the majestic Badlands to the east, to the Black Hills in the west and the grazing buffalo and mirror-image lakes in Custer State Park, this is a region of great natural beauty. Western South Dakota and the Black Hills region have many activities to offer people who enjoy nature and the outdoors: fishing, boating, snow and water skiing, hunting, hiking and camping. Within a short distance of Ellsworth is the Badlands with its many colors, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Mountain, Fort Meade, historic Deadwood and Devil's Tower in Wyoming. The history of the Black Hills includes such legends as Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, General Custer, Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Jack "Crooked Nose" McCall.

Whatever the season, the Ellsworth and Rapid City communities can be a wonderful place to work and live.

Population

Ellsworth's population of approximately 8,000 includes military members, family members and civilian employees.

The base's sister city, Rapid City, has a population of just more than 62,500. There are also about 3,800 military retirees in Western South Dakota.

Time Zone

The base and Western South Dakota are on Mountain Standard Time.

House Hunting, Permissive TDY

For the purpose of securing non-government housing, personnel can take 10 days permissive TDY from their current base and return for out-processing, or take eight days after they check in with their new unit at Ellsworth. Contact your local personnel office and orderly room for details.

Income Tax Tips

There are income tax advantages associated with moving costs. Keep records and receipts on all expenses associated with a move (travel expenses, meals and lodging, meals and lodging while occupying temporary quarters, expenses attributable to the sale, purchase or lease of a residence, etc.). Upon completing



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a move, see your organization's legal assistance officer who will help in preparing the proper tax forms. Many or most are deductible by using IRS Forms 3903 or 3903E. Additionally, South Dakota does not have state income tax for residents.

In-Processing

This begins at your unit; service members should report, with their sponsor, to the Rushmore Center and the 28th Forces Support Squadron customer service office upon arrival. Personnel will be in-processed through the Right Start program, a mandatory briefing for all newly arrived service members designed to minimize the time and appointments needed to bring them into the base and organization quickly. Spouses are welcome at Right Start and encouraged to attend. Right Start is located at the Rushmore Center, 1000 Ellsworth St., Suite 1400. Bring all no-fee passports you may have if coming from an overseas location.

Household Goods Shipment Information

Upon arrival, check with the Traffic Management Office regarding household goods or hold baggage shipped to Ellsworth.

Vehicle Registration

There is no requirement for vehicles to be registered at Ellsworth; however, all vehicles must have a valid state registration and be insured.

Vehicle Safety—Rules of the Road

Generally, all rules of the road applicable to the operation of a motor vehicle on South Dakota roads apply on Ellsworth. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on Ellsworth is 25 mph. On streets within the housing areas, the speed limit is 15 mph, and 10 mph in parking lots. Flightline speed is 15 mph in aircraft parking areas and on the access road.

The use of radar detectors or jammers is prohibited on Ellsworth and all other Department of Defense installations. The possession of such devices is legal in South Dakota, however, they must be turned off when driving on base.

The use of cell phones while driving is also prohibited; use of hands-free devices or Bluetooth technologies is allowed.

Open containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the passenger compartment of any vehicle. Operating a vehicle on Ellsworth constitutes an implied consent to submit to a test for intoxication if requested, and refusal of testing will result in an automatic suspension of base driving privileges. The consumed level of intoxication in South Dakota is 0.08 percent blood alcohol content.

Firearms

South Dakota does not require registration of privately owned firearms. Permits to carry concealed weapons are issued by the Pennington County Sheriff's Department for a nominal fee after completion of a background check. These permits,

however, do not authorize an individual to carry a concealed weapon on Ellsworth.

Privately owned weapons, ammunition, fireworks and explosives are prohibited in bachelor living quarters and transient living quarters. People living in bachelor quarters are required to register their weapons with the 28th Security Forces Squadron, and are required, along with transient personnel, to store their weapons in the security police armory. People living in base

housing are not required to register their weapons, and may keep their weapons and ammunition, not to exceed 500 rounds.

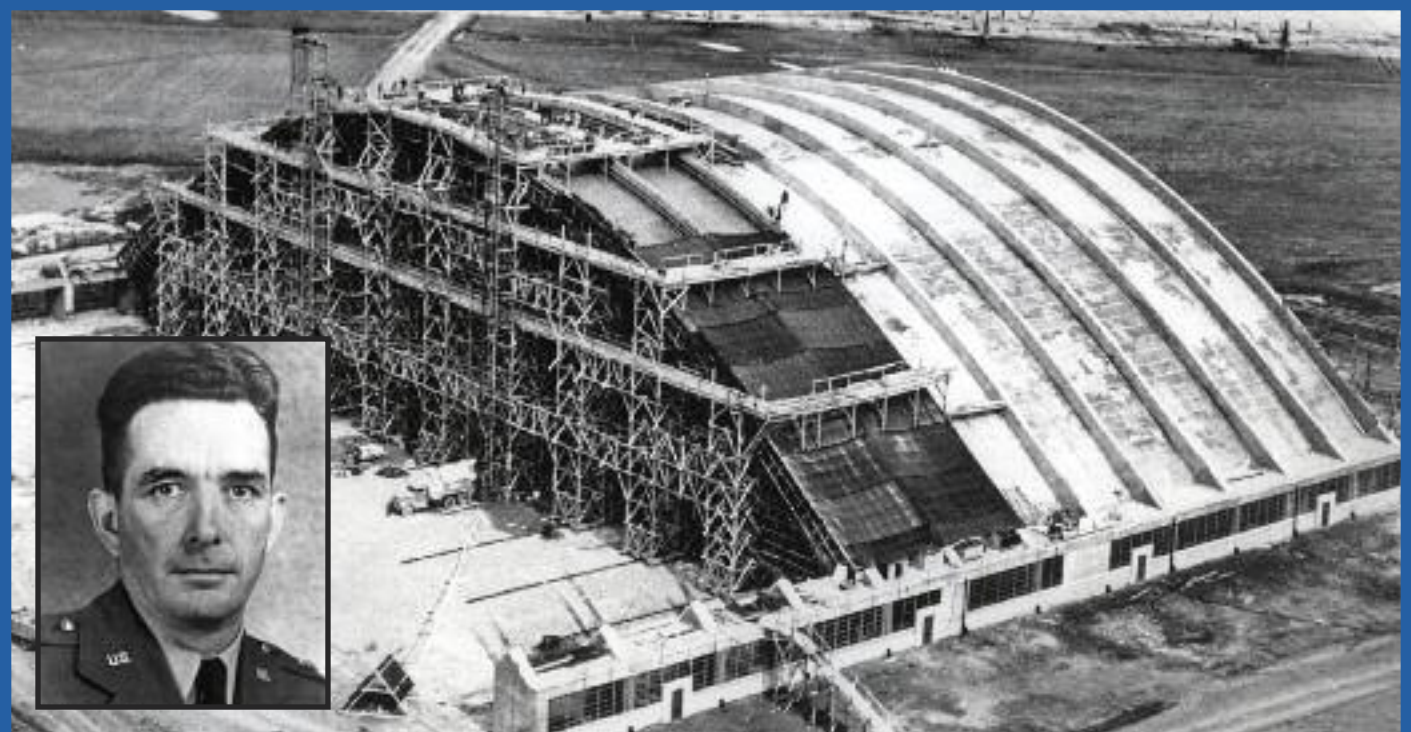
People may transport privately owned weapons in their vehicles on and off base and to the base firing and skeet ranges, but may not leave weapons unattended or unsecured in their vehicles. Weapons should be unloaded and locked in the trunk of the vehicle, if possible. Firearms transported in vehicles without trunks must be secured in a case.



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History

Ellsworth Air Force Base

The U.S. War Department established Rapid City Army Air Base as a training location for B-17 Flying Fortress crews, Jan. 2, 1942. From September 1942, when its military runways first opened, until mission needs changed in July 1945, the field's instructors taught thousands of pilots, navigators, radio operators and gunners from nine heavy bombardment groups and numerous smaller units. All training focused on the Allied drive to overthrow the Axis powers in Europe.

After World War II, the base briefly trained weather reconnaissance and combat squadrons using P-61 Black Widow, P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang and B-25 Mitchell aircraft. Those missions soon ended, however, and Rapid City Army Air Field temporarily shut down from September 1946 through March 1947. When operations resumed in 1947, the base was a new United States Air Force asset. The primary unit assigned to Rapid City Air Force Base was the new 28th Bombardment Wing—flying the B-29 Superfortress.

The installation changed names a few more times during its early years. In January 1948, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Carl A. Spaatz renamed it Weaver Air Force Base in honor of Brig. Gen. Walter R. Weaver, one of the pioneers in the development of the Air Force. In June of that year, however, in response to overwhelming public appeals, Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington returned it to its previous name. The base was also declared a permanent installation in early 1948.

Shortly after additional runway improvements, in July 1949, the 28 BMW began conversion from B-29s to the huge B-36 Peacemaker. In April 1950, the Air Staff reassigned the base from 15th Air Force to 8th Air Force.

The base experienced one of its worst peacetime tragedies in March 1953, when an RB-36 and its entire crew of 23 crashed in Newfoundland while returning from a routine exercise in Europe. On June 13, 1953, President

Dwight D. Eisenhower made a personal visit to dedicate the base in memory of Brig. Gen. Richard E.

Ellsworth, commander of the 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, who lost his life in that accident.

Military organizations periodically upgrade manpower and machines from time to time to meet new national security requirements. Ellsworth Air Force Base's organizations were

no exception. Headquarters Strategic Air Command reassigned the 28 BMW from

8th Air Force back to 15th Air Force in October 1955. Approximately one year

later, SAC set plans in motion to replace the 28th's B-36s with the new all-jet

B-52 Stratofortress. The last B-36 left Ellsworth May 29, 1957 and the

first B-52 arrived 16 days later. In 1958, all base units came under

the command of the 821st Strategic Aerospace Division, head-

quartered at Ellsworth.

In October 1960, Ellsworth entered the "Space

Age," with the activation of the 850th Strategic

Missile Squadron, initially assigned to the



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28 BMW. For more than a year, this squadron prepared for the emplacement of Titan I intercontinental ballistic missiles, which finally arrived in 1962, shortly after the activation of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing in January. At that time, Headquarters SAC also named the 44 SMW as host wing at Ellsworth.

Titan's life span was short in western South Dakota. In July 1962, SAC had effectively rendered it obsolete by activating the 66th Strategic Missile Squadron, the first of three such units slated to operate 150 Minuteman I ICBMs under the 44 SMW. The 67th Strategic Missile Squadron joined the 44th in August, followed by the 68th Strategic Missile Squadron in September 1962.

On June 1, 1971, SAC inactivated the 821st Strategic Aerospace Division. By October of that year, an upgraded Minuteman II also replaced earlier missiles.

Ellsworth soon became known as "The Showplace of SAC" as it continued to fight the Cold War by maintaining two legs of America's strategic triad: strategic bombardment and ICBMs. It carried out these vital missions for more than 15 years with relatively little change. Then, the 1980s

brought many new challenges. In 1986 the base and the 28 BMW made extensive preparations to phase out the aging B-52 fleet and become the new home for the advanced B-1B Lancer. Contractors completed new, unaccompanied enlisted dormitories in March, a new security police group headquarters in October and gave Ellsworth's 13,497 foot runway a much-needed facelift. In addition, they completed new aircraft maintenance facilities for the complex new bird. The last 28 BMW B-52H left in early 1986. In January 1987, the wing received the first of 35 B-1B bombers.

The 12th Air Division moved to Ellsworth July 15, 1988. This organization was responsible for training B-1B, transient B-52 and the 28 BMW's KC-135 Stratotanker aircrews. Headquarters SAC activated a third wing, the 99th Strategic Weapons Wing, at Ellsworth Aug. 10, 1989. This wing assumed primary responsibility for B-1B and B-52 advanced aircrew training.

Internationally, the destruction of the Berlin Wall in October 1989, symbolized the imminent demise of the Soviet Union over the next several months. During this transition, the Air Force also had to reshuffle its organizations and resources to meet

the diminishing, although shifting, threat. Changes came quickly. On Jan. 3, 1990, SAC redesignated the 812th Combat Support Group as the 812th Strategic Support Wing, which, for a short time, became Ellsworth's fourth wing. The 812th SSW consolidated all combat support activities into one organization. On July 31, 1990, SAC replaced the 12th Air Division with the Strategic Warfare Center, which provided operational command and administrative control over Ellsworth's subordinate units. Then, as part of SAC's intermediate headquarters and base-level reorganization plan, Sept. 1, 1991 SAC renamed the 28 BMW the 28th Wing, the 44 SMW the 44th Wing and the 99 SSW the 99th Tactics and Training Wing. Ten days later, SAC inactivated both the SWC and the 812th SSW. Once again, the 28th became Ellsworth's host organization and it soon absorbed all previous 812th SSW functions. It was also during this period that, in acknowledgment of the elimination of the Warsaw Pact, the Secretary of Defense ordered alert operations to stand down. The decades-long Cold War was over.

On June 1, 1992, as part of the first major reorganization since the creation of USAF, the Air Force



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inactivated SAC and assigned Ellsworth's organizations (including a renamed 28th Bomb Wing) to the newly activated Air Combat Command. After less than a year under the new command, the wings mission changed from that of strategic bombardment to one of worldwide conventional munitions delivery. The mission of the 99th Tactics and Training Wing (later to become the 99th Wing) also continued, albeit slightly modified to fit the requirements of the new force concept. The 44th Missile Wing, however, had ably accomplished its deterrence mission. The wing permanently pulled the first missile from its silo Dec. 3, 1991. The first launch control center shut down April 6, 1992. Deactivation of the entire missile complex ended in April 1994. In keeping with its patriotic Minuteman tradition, the 44th Missile Wing formally inactivated July 4, 1994.

In March 1994, Ellsworth welcomed the 34th Bomb Squadron, a geographically separated unit awaiting airfield upgrades before it could return to its parent organization, the 366 BW, at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The 34th's B-1Bs are part one of the Air Force's composite wings, which also include F-15 Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcons and KC-135s.

Also during 1994, the Air Force selected Ellsworth as the exclusive location from which to conduct a Congressionally mandated operational readiness assessment of the B-1B, known locally as "Dakota Challenge." After six months of hard work, under

both peacetime and simulated wartime conditions, the 28 BW and Ellsworth passed the test "with flying colors" and proved the B-1 to be a reliable and capable weapons system—the mainstay of America's heavy bomber fleet for years to come.

In 1995, the 99th Wing also departed for a new assignment at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., although a small contingent formerly attached to that wing remained behind to continue bomber tactics training and radar munitions scoring from a handful of dispersed detachments. The year also saw the inactivation of one of Ellsworth's oldest units, the 77th Bomb Squadron. While the unit (as an administrative entity) departed to save Air Force dollars for development of new follow-on B-1 munitions, the organization's aircraft remained at Ellsworth (in a flying reserve status) under the able care of its sister unit, the 37th Bomb Squadron.

A reversal of fortune occurred in early 1996 when March 26 an announcement was made that the 77th Bomb Squadron would soon return to Ellsworth. On April 1, 1997, the squadron again activated at Ellsworth as the geographically separated 34th Bomb Squadron completed its transfer to its home at the 366th Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. By June 1998, the 77th had six of its B-1Bs out of the reconstitution reserve. This number balances those lost by the 34th Bomb Squadron.

In March 1999, the Air Force announced a reorganization plan that makes Ellsworth AFB and the 28 BW partners in the new Expeditionary Air

Force concept. The 28 BW was named a lead wing in the EAF. Under this plan, the 77 Bomb Squadron will gain six additional B-1Bs, and Ellsworth AFB will gain about 100 more military personnel. The expeditionary forces will help the Air Force respond quickly to any worldwide crisis while making life more predictable for military members.

Operation Allied Force

It wasn't too long before Ellsworth and the 28th Bomb Wing were taking the lead in the EAF concept. Five B-1Bs from the 28th Bomb Wing joined NATO forces in Operation Allied Force and began striking military targets in Kosovo April 1, 1999. By the end of the conflict in June 1999, B-1Bs from Ellsworth flew 100 combat missions and dropped more than 1,260 tons of Mk-82 general-purpose bombs. Once again the B-1B and Team Ellsworth proved itself invaluable to the security of our national interests.

Operation Enduring Freedom

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Team Ellsworth once again answered the call by deploying a number of B-1s in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Aircraft from the 37th Bomb Squadron at Ellsworth AFB joined additional B-1s from the 34th Bomb Squadron at Mountain Home AFB and formed the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. This squadron, along with other elements from Ellsworth, deployed to Diego Garcia and joined the 28th Air Expeditionary Wing where they recorded an impressive record against the terrorist factions. Their combat mission effectiveness was greater than 95 percent and they flew 5 percent of the total strike aircraft missions. They dropped 39 percent of the total tonnage of bombs, which was more than any other platform. The amount of ordnance dropped was tremendous. During their deployment, the 28th Bomb Squadron dropped 2,974 JDAMs, 1,471 Mk-82, 135 Mk-84 and 70 CBU-87 bombs. Currently, the 28th Bomb Wing and personnel from Ellsworth Air Force Base continue to be the lead wing for EAF 8, and Ellsworth personnel continue to prepare for ongoing deployments in support of operations around the globe.

34th Bomb Squadron Replaces The 77th Bomb Squadron

On Sept. 19, 2001 the 34th Bomb squadron joined the Ellsworth team and arrived from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Due to a drawdown in the number of B-1 aircraft in the Air Force inventory, the 77th Bomb Squadron at Ellsworth was inactivated and the Thunderbirds of the 34th Bomb Squadron were moved to Ellsworth to take their place.

The men and women of Ellsworth AFB draw from past experiences to plan for the future. As they embrace the core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do," they stand ready to provide global power for America.



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28th Bomb Wing

The 28th Bomb Wing is assigned to the 12th Air Force under Air Combat Command. The mission of the 28th Bomb Wing is to deliver decisive combat power for global response.

The 28th Bomb Wing is divided into the 28th Operations Group, the 28th Maintenance Group, the 28th Mission Support Group and the 28th Medical Group.

The 28th Bomb Wing commander's staff consists of a vice commander, an executive officer, a secretary, a director of staff, a wing inspector general, a command chief master sergeant, a historian, information management, protocol, public affairs, legal, chapel, military equal opportunity, wing plans, treaty compliance, safety, honor guard, the 28th Comptroller Contracting Squadron and a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

28th Operations Group

The mission of the 28th Operations Group is to provide combat-ready B-1 aircraft and crews to support Joint Chiefs of Staff taskings, including conventional theater operations and power projection while providing the aviation infrastructure necessary for conducting safe flight operations, it plans and executes training missions essential for versatile power projection and global reach.

The 28th Operations Group has three squadrons under its command accomplishing its mission—the 28th Operations Support Squadron, the 34th Bomb Squadron and the 37th Bomb Squadron.

28th Operations Support Squadron

The 28th Operations Support Squadron supports the 28 BW in all aspects of flying operations to effectively and efficiently train and conduct combat operations.

One of the most diverse squadrons, the 28 OSS is responsible for airfield management, weather support, intelligence analysis, combat crew communications, B-1B simulator training, current operations, aircrew flight equipment and flight records, the Belle Fourche Electronic Scoring Site (ESS), combat survival training, and weapons and tactics training for the wing.

The airfield operations flight manages the base's operational airfield, as well as, radar approach control (RAPCON) and the control tower. In 2008, Ellsworth launched the DoD's first non-contiguous RAPCON facility. The Dakota Air Traffic Control Facility is responsible for controlling airspace separated by more than 260 miles including Rapid City

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Regional Airport, Ellsworth AFB, Minot Regional Airport and Minot AFB.

The weather support flight provides global weather information for all organizations on the base. They provide tailored weather services to support all aspects of 28 BW operations, maintenance and support.

The intelligence flight furnishes current intelligence information and analysis tailored to the needs of those they support, from the strategic intelligence required by the base's senior leadership to the tactical threat intelligence required by the group's combat aircrews.

Combat crew communications manages all flight publications and secure communications, critical to B-1 training and combat missions.

The current operations flight accomplishes long-range scheduling for 28th Bomb Wing aircraft, managing the wing's annual flying hour program and flight records, for more than 160 aircrew.

The Belle Fourche ESS in Colony, Wyo. is responsible for operations and maintenance of one of the U.S. Air Force's premier, realistic training and threat simulation sites.

Aircrew flight equipment builds and maintains all life-sustaining equipment for survival vests and aircraft ejection seat kits. They also conduct all aircrew combat survival instruction for wing personnel and aircrews.

The Mission Employment Center operates and maintains two full-motion, state-of-the-art Weapons

System Trainers (WST), or B-1 Simulators to support training for the Wing's aircrews.

The wing's focal point for B-1 combat tactics training is provided by the weapons and tactics flight. The flight is responsible for training aircrew from the flying squadrons on combat weapons and tactics as well as establishing and maintaining WST training missions.

The squadron maintains a constant capability to deploy worldwide and function autonomously at a forward location.

34th Bomb Squadron

Known as the Thunderbirds, the 34th Bomb Squadron's mission is to defeat America's enemies across the globe at a moment's notice.

The history of the 34th Bomb Squadron dates back to World War I, when the Army organized the 34th Aero Squadron June 11, 1917. During assignment with the 17th Pursuit Group, the squadron became equipped with the P12 bi-plane fighter. In 1935 and 1936, the squadron gradually transitioned from the P12 and P26 to the A17 and YA19, which it kept until 1940. The unit eventually flew the B-18 bomber, the B-23, and then the B-25, flying with the 37th Bomb Squadron during the Doolittle Raid in 1940s.

Throughout the war, the 34th flew bombing missions in the B-26 overseas and then returned to the United States in November 1945. The day after its arrival, the squadron was inactivated. The 34th

Bomb Squadron went through numerous activations and inactivations over its history; however, it was able to fly interdictions and close air support missions in Korea, transitioning aircraft to the B-57, the B-66, and then finally the B-52.

When the unit moved to Ellsworth on April 1, 1994, it sported the B-1 Lancer. April 1, 1997, the squadron moved again, transferring its flag from Ellsworth to Mountain Home. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, the 34th Bomb Squadron was one of the first units to deploy overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On Sept. 19, 2002, the 34th Bomb Squadron moved back from Mountain Home to Ellsworth. As tensions rose in Iraq, the 34th deployed from Jan. 15 to May 15, 2003, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In the 34th Bomb Squadron's more recent deployment from Feb. 4 to July 25, 2007, the mighty "T-Birds" flew more than 5,500 hours and dropped more than 1 million pounds of guided weapons in support of U.S. Central Command taskings.

Today, the 34th Bomb Squadron continues to support combatant commanders in the Pacific Command and U.S. Central Command Areas of Responsibility. As the 34th Bomb Squadron has been combat proven many times before, the Thunderbirds will continue to be essential players in America's defense and a credit to their legacy as Doolittle Raiders.

37th Bomb Squadron

The 37th Bomb Squadron Tigers are responsible for employing the B-1 bomber in support of U.S. National Military Strategy.

The 37th Bomb Squadron is a diverse, deployable squadron of approximately 100 Airmen, consisting of aviators, intelligence and life support personnel. These Airmen enable the Tigers to remain on the leading edge of B-1 employment and significantly advance the Air Force's core competencies of air, space and cyberspace superiority, precision engagement and global attack.

The 37th Bomb Squadron is among the Air Force's most senior units. It began as the 37th Aero Squadron in June 1913, and served with the American Expeditionary Force in France during World War I. During World War II, the 37th served for a short time with the 28th Composite Group in 1940 then went to Europe with the 17th Bomb Group. As part of the 17th Bomb Group, the 37th participated on one of the most famous air raids of the war. Three crews trained in the B-25 with Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle and flew the famous raid over Tokyo in April 1942. In 1950, the 37th reactivated as the night intruder squadron and transferred to Pusan, Korea. The squadron flew the B-26 "Invader" on dangerous night interdiction missions against the communist forces. The squadron "hunted at night, like tigers."



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Thus, the 37th became the Tiger Squadron, and the current patch, complete with a Bengal Tiger, was adopted. The 37th Bomb Squadron rejoined the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth in 1977, flying the B-25H, and Jan. 1, 1987 transitioned to its current aircraft, the B-1 Lancer.

Recently, the Tigers made Air Force history. In December 1998, the Tigers became the first unit to employ the B-1 in combat in support of Operation Desert Fox, halting Iraqi aggression. One year later, Tiger crews supported the 77th Bomb Squadron in the NATO Operation Allied Force against the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

After the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, the 37th BS roared into action, alongside the 34th BS from Mountain Home AFB, forming the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. The 34th EBS flew 5 percent of the strike missions, but dropped nearly 40 percent of the total tonnage of bombs—more than 1,730 tons, effectively driving the Taliban from power in what is now a democratic Afghanistan.

In March 2003, crews from the 37th joined crews from the 34th to employ the B-1B in action during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The B-1 crews flew numerous combat missions over Iraq, including the well known strike against high-priority leadership targets in Baghdad, bringing an end to the ruling regime and their ability to conduct combat operations.

Showing their flexibility, the Tigers quickly redeployed in September 2003 and again in June 2004 as the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. Returning to support Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, their presence over Afghanistan frustrated the efforts of anti-coalition forces. Working jointly with coalition ground forces, the Tigers fought to bring stability to the region and pave the way for Afghanistan's first elections in the history of the country.

The Tigers deployed again from September 2006 through February 2007, supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. The Tigers met more than 100 percent of their taskings, regularly being asked to extend their sorties over Afghanistan. During their 354 combat missions, they dropped more than 356 tons of precision guided munitions to support coalition ground forces and to attack high-value targets, helping to prevent Taliban resurgence.

From January to July 2008, the Tigers deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. The Tiger crews flew 566 sorties totaling 6,469 combat hours. They supported coalition troops on the ground during 472 Troops in Contact Situations, resulting in 959 weapons drops and 480 tons of munitions. Additionally, two Tiger crews won aviation honors for their heroic acts over Afghanistan, bringing both the LeMay Award and the Mackay Trophy to the squadron. Overall, the Tigers flying the mighty B-1 effectively suppressed and

interdicted both Al Qaida and Taliban in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In their most recent deployment from July 2009 until January 2010, the Tigers flew over the skies of Afghanistan in support of U.S. and Coalition troops on the ground. This marked the Tiger combat debut of the Sniper Advanced Targeting pod. This keen technical advancement brought the squadron closer to the fight and again focused their sensors on the hunt for Taliban and Al Qaida. During their six months of overwatch, the squadron responded to 318 Troops in Contact situations where they released 248 weapons and flew more than 120 Shows of Force.

Having proven its worth in a multitude of combat roles, the 37th Bomb Squadron Tigers will be a critical part of U.S. national security well into the 21st century.

28th MaintSenance Group

The 28th Maintenance Group is responsible for formulating policies and implementing procedures to ensure availability of the 28 B-1 aircraft and associated support equipment and munitions in support of Joint Chief of Staff-tasked and other contingency missions. The 28th Maintenance Group manages the production of a 1,400-member workforce comprised of four squadrons with an annual organizational maintenance and repairable support division budget exceeding \$91.5 million, aircraft and weapons valued at more than \$7.9

billion and real property worth \$332.5 million. Additionally, the group directs the implementation of plans supporting preplanned and contingency mobility taskings in support of national objectives.

28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is the largest squadron in the 28th Bomb Wing with more than 650 personnel, and is comprised of the 34th and 37th Aircraft Maintenance Units who respectively support the 34th and 37th Bomb Squadrons. Each aircraft maintenance unit is comprised of Production, APG, Specialist, Weapons Sections and a Support Section. The squadron manages the on-equipment maintenance, weapons loading and support activities of the B-1s at home and during the deployments of each aircraft maintenance unit to meet the wing's flying requirements. The squadron ensures compliance with technical data, safety, security, documentation and supply procedures.

28th Maintenance Operations Squadron

The 28th Maintenance Operations Squadron ensures the combat capability of 28 assigned B-1 aircraft to support the 28th Bomb Wing by managing the health of the fleet, monitoring the quality of on- and off-equipment maintenance, effectively scheduling aircraft utilization and programmed maintenance, and by ensuring efficient utilization of all wing maintenance assets. The squadron consists of four flights and 122 authorized personnel.



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28th Maintenance Squadron

The 28th Maintenance Squadron combines avionics, aircraft systems and maintenance capabilities into one squadron. They are responsible for all off-equipment maintenance and heavy repairs for 28 assigned B-1s and related subsystems. The squadron maintains aerospace ground equipment and engines, and consists of seven flights and more than 400 personnel.

28th Munitions Squadron

The 28th Munitions Squadron Provides conventional munitions, armament systems, and trained munitions personnel in support of 28 combat-ready B-1 aircraft for the 28th Bomb Wing. It consists of more than 260 professionals working in four flights supporting the 34th and 37th Bomb Squadrons, two detachments and three National Guard units. The squadron is responsible for 1,511 munitions line items, 92 facilities, 5.3 million pounds net explosive weight and a 647-acre munitions storage area.

28th Mission Support Group

The 28th Mission Support Group provides mission essential “city” services at home and combat support services while deployed. Nearly 40 percent of military members and civilians stationed at Ellsworth are part of the 28 MSG team which maintains the base infrastructure by providing essential services to military members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their family members. Support operations range from base administration, personnel management, security, mobility readiness, vehicle maintenance, supply, educational services, phone and computer support to civil engineering and food services. Additionally, the group supports the base community through fire protection, disaster preparedness, family support. Recreational opportunities are also provided in the form of clubs, fitness facilities, the base library and other sport-related activities.

28th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 28th Civil Engineer Squadron provides the necessary assets and skilled personnel to prepare and sustain installations throughout the world, whether in peace or war. The squadron’s dual mission is to provide quality home-station engineer services for rapid, decisive, sustainable combat support, anytime anywhere. Additionally, the Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force mobility teams stand constantly ready to rapidly deploy anytime, anywhere to provide fully responsive engineer capabilities in support of our nation’s contingencies. This dual mission of war readiness and infrastructure maintenance is accomplished with a combined military and civilian work force capable of rapid transition between missions.

Civil engineers support the installation and the Air Force mission by applying resources to accomplish



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required tasks in the following areas—readiness/emergency management, real property maintenance and accountability, utility service, minor construction, fire protection, explosive ordnance disposal, disaster preparedness, environmental protection, non-real property services and technical and management services.

The squadron consists of seven flights—asset management, programs, operations, resources, emergency management, explosive ordnance disposal and fire and emergency services.

In addition to daily operations, the civil engineer Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force is responsible for maintaining, repairing, operating and recovering the base—or any base worldwide—before, during and after a peacetime or wartime disaster, or deploying a fully capable engineer force in support of contingency operations.

28th Communications Squadron

The 28th Communications Squadron lives up to its motto, “Wired for War,” by providing the highest level of communications and information support, airfield systems management and maintenance, and Air Force Portal services to Ellsworth and deployed personnel.

It consists of two flights—Operations, and Plans and Resources.

The **Operations Flight** manages a variety of functions. It provides a network control center capability, including a client service center, network management, server administration and network information assurance services. Also, the flight enables knowledge operations through such services as records management, content and collaboration management, work flow, electronic communications management and publishing.

Additionally, it supports the B-1B flying training mission with superior airfield systems and weather maintenance to Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City Regional, Minot AFB and Western Air Defense supporting the Homeland Defense mission. The flight further provides technical and systems support for wing communications and computer systems including ground radio, voice networks and secure communications maintenance.

The **Plans and Resources Flight** manages activities related to base-level command, control, communications and computers systems planning; plans support, including mobility and deployment planning, strategic planning, and requirements analysis; implementation, including architectures, integration, direction and standards; resources, including budgeting and billing; and human resources and functional management, including memorandum of agreements and contract management. The flight is also responsible for base-level communication security programs (communications security, emission security, spectrum information assurance). Also, base postal activities are managed within the flight.

28th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 28th Logistics Readiness Squadron's mission is to “provide responsive, reliable and sustainable logistics support; anytime—anywhere.” The squadron is made up of more than 340 professionals separated into four flights and two sections. These professionals provide support to 39 wing and tenant units with mobility readiness and operations, vehicle operations, vehicle and equipment maintenance, personal property and cargo shipments, fuel storage and distribution, supply and equipment accountability, war reserve materiel program, and maintains B-1 spares packages and aircraft parts.



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The **Deployment and Distribution Flight** is the single wing authority for receiving, storing and shipping DoD supplies and equipment, handling more than 20,000 different commodities valued in excess of \$174 million. It manages the base U-Drive-It fleet, buses and DV vehicles. Additionally, the Deployment and Distribution flight is the wing contact for



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war reserve materiel management, deployment planning, training and execution, base and expeditionary support planning, sustainment, redeployment, mobility bags, small arms weapons and wing support agreements management. This flight also manages air terminal operations, as well as provides logistics readiness deployment training for all installation personnel to carry out deployment tasks. During contingency operations, the Deployment and Distribution flight provides wing command and control through the Deployment Control Center and the Installation Deployment Readiness Cell.

The Deployment and Distribution Flight is also responsible for arranging the movement and storage of personal property and providing ticketing for official travel of DoD passengers. This is the flight to contact upon arrival at Ellsworth to arrange for household goods deliveries.

The **Material Management Flight** receives, stores, inventories and issues all stock listed materials for the 28th Bomb Wing. They are the focal point for all supply issues and the base level liaison for all equipment matters. Additionally the Material Management flight manages six B-1B Mobility Ready Spares Kits valued at more than \$300 million that are postured for deployment at a moment's notice; and accounts for all wing mobility bags and deployable small arms valued at more than \$12 million. Lastly, the Material Management Flight ensures all repairable parts get processed and routed to the proper repair facilities and briefs the Maintenance Group Commander and Wing Commander daily on aircraft MICAP status.

The Management and Systems Section provides the training, resources and systems required to ensure the efficient and effective operation of squadron processes. It is the primary liaison between base customers and the Regional Supply Squadron. The flight provides interface with internal and external customers, and monitors performance to ensure quality service and accountability.

The **Vehicle Management Flight** is the single authority and source for maintenance and management of the installation's motor vehicle fleet. The flight is responsible for overall management, and maintenance of the wing's 630-vehicle fleet and assigns, accounts for and maintains vehicle assets so they are safe, efficient and environmentally sound to meet the wing's needs.

The **Fuels Flight** mission is to ensure more than 18,000,000 gallons of quality petroleum products, cryogenics fluids and missile propellants are acquired or produced and issued safely and efficiently to using organizations annually.

28th Security Forces Squadron

The Defenders of the 28th Security Forces Squadron provide base defense and combat capability to Ellsworth AFB, the United States of America and the Air Force worldwide. Whether at home station or forward deployed, members of the 28 SFS provide an impenetrable umbrella of Force Protection encompassing all assigned personnel and resources.

The squadron is divided into five flights that handle support staff functions (S1), investigations and intelligence (S2), operations and training (S3), logistics (S4), and plans and programs (S5). These staff agencies perform such roles as planning, equipping, training, directing, controlling and evaluating mission-related activities and personnel assigned to the 28th Security Forces Squadron. The staff also provides base support including crime prevention, resource protection, criminal investigation and intelligence, incident reporting, visitor control, pass and registration, and reports and analysis.

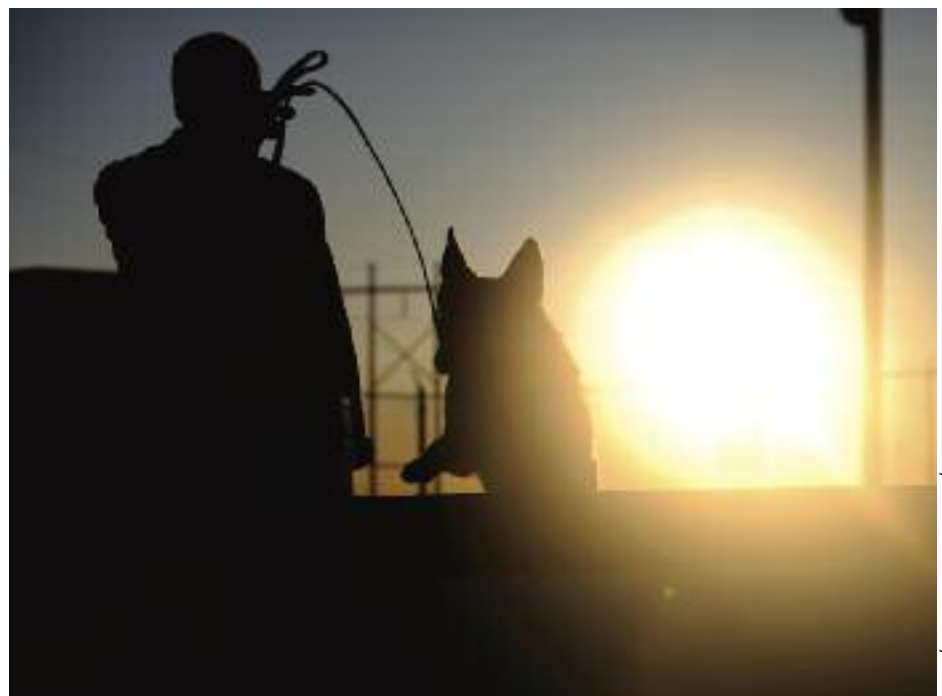


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Base defense and community policing patrols, and military working dog teams are at work around the clock to ensure protection of the base populace and the BW protection level resources. Patrols maintain an excellent relationship with the public by making contact with the base populace while on patrol in an effort to better understand their concerns about law enforcement issues.

The Military Working Dog section not only provides explosive and drug detection capabilities to the base, but also assists local civil authorities as needed.

The Defenders of the 28th Security Forces Squadron—"Courage Conquers All"

28th Force Support Squadron

The 28th Force Support Squadron provides service to Ellsworth's active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their families. The squadron's flights include Manpower and Personnel, Force Development, Sustainment Services, Airman and Family Services and Community Services. These flights, each with a distinct mission, combine to provide important support services to the Ellsworth community. The following is a list of facilities and programs the 28th Force Support Squadron operates and maintains for Ellsworth people and their families: Installation Personnel Readiness, Military and Civilian Personnel Programs, Dining Facility, Fitness Center, Lodging, Airman and Family Readiness, Child Development Center, Family Child Care and Youth Programs, Education and Training Services, Library, Professional Development, Airman Leadership School, Arts & Crafts Center, Auto Hobby

Center, Bowling Center, Collocated Club, Community Center, Golf Course, Veterinary Clinic, Marketing and Outdoor Recreation.

Military Personnel

The Military Personnel Element is located at the Rushmore Center, 1000 Ellsworth St. The MPE includes the Force Management, Customer Support and Career Development sections which provide many services to include ID card issue, assignments, promotions and testing. The virtual resource center is located on the second floor and the customer service section is located on the first floor. They can be reached at (605) 385-2427 or DSN 675-2427.

Civilian Personnel

The Civilian Personnel Flight provides services for approximately 400 civil service positions. Most jobs are in the logistics, medical and support areas.

About one third of the jobs serviced are Wage Grade (blue collar) and the rest, General Schedule (white collar). Turnover in civil service jobs is somewhat limited. Employment opportunities are best for persons already in civil service. Employment information can be obtained at the Air Force Personnel Center Job website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs or by calling their information line at (800) 525-0102.

The Commissary, Base Exchange and non-appropriated fund jobs are serviced by their own personnel offices. Additional information can be obtained by reviewing announcements and talking with staff members in the personnel office Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manpower

Located in the Rushmore Center, the mission is to provide manpower and organization services to the 28th Bomb Wing and its subordinate units. This section's goal is to assist in determining the most efficient and effective use of manpower resources through development of objective manpower standards, Management Advisory Studies, Productivity Enhancement Programs and other manpower and organization activities.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is the focal point for Air Force family matters. The AFRC collaborates with base agencies to help foster a sense of community, family adaptation, personnel and family readiness. Its team of consultants and technicians serves as liaison to squadrons to help identify and resolve quality of life issues for individuals and families.

The Air Force realizes there is a direct correlation between a member's quality of life and their ability to successfully accomplish the mission. The AFRC is open to all active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their families.

The AFRC promotes responsible decision making that encourages individual and family growth. These services may be direct or indirect with emphasis on readiness and retention. Some activities and services AFRC performs are:

- Readiness prepares individuals and families for separation and offers pre-planning and support during deployments, TDYs or remote tours and reunion education.

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- Personal and Family Financial Readiness offers financial counseling and education.
- Family Life Education provides comprehensive individual and family assessments, skills development classes, support groups and activities that assist families in adapting to the military lifestyle.
- Spouse Employment encourages spouses through one-on-one or group contact with individualized career planning, job search workshops and job referral networks.
- Volunteer Resources functions as the base community's focal point for volunteer recognition activities.
- Air Force Aid Society offers assistance during emergencies in the form of interest-free loans and grants. Additional services include Give Parents A Break, Child Care for Volunteers, Child Care for PCS (inbound or outbound, 20 hours per child and open to all ranks), Phone Home Calling Cards, Car Care Because We Care, Respite Care and Bundles for Babies.
- Relocation Assistance provides individualized assistance, training, information and referral to inbound and outbound personnel and their families.
- Relocation Services provides assistance through the Loan Closet; Airmen's Attic with free shopping opportunities for E-5 and below; items include furniture, electronics, uniforms, dishes, etc. and gift packs for Airman who are new arrivals to Ellsworth AFB.
- Discovery Resource Center is a one-stop information and referral center to assist active-duty personnel and family members in each stage of their family life cycle. It features an Internet café-style setting, an informal class and meeting room, an interactive children's corner and personalized assistance via a contractor.

Education Services Center

The Education Services Center has educational programs ranging from review courses to graduate-level courses. There are three universities offering a range of degree programs on base. Several other schools are available in the nearby area, plus all the colleges available on the Internet.

Adult community education, including English as a Second Language and the General Education Diploma (GED high school equivalency certificate), is offered through the Career Learning Center in Rapid City. Western Dakota Technical Institute provides a variety of vocational-technical programs such as mechanics, drafting and medical fields. The Oglala Lakota College offers two- and four-year degrees with majors that include education and Native American studies.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, National American University and the University of South Dakota support the base with on-base classes

leading to associate, bachelor and master degrees. Each college has an extended campus on base to serve the needs of military and civilian students within the Rapid City area. Most classes are conducted on base and carry resident credit.

The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSM&T) campus is conveniently located in Rapid City. The school is nationally recognized, with a full range of engineering and technical degrees, including pre-health. Courses are scheduled primarily during the day with some evening classes available. The University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University have a combined nursing school located near the SDSM&T campus with course work from the two-year level through a master's degree, to include nurse practitioner.

Graduate programs on base include the University of South Dakota's master in management and in criminal justice, as well as other master level programs in Rapid City at the West River Graduate Center. The SDSM&T also has a master of science in technology management, with classes on the school's main campus.

In Rapid City, South Dakota State University provides a master in education with emphases in education administration or curriculum, and instruction and a master of science in counseling and human resource development.

The Base Education and Training Center offers professional counseling and guidance, to include information on Air Force Tuition Assistance, GI Bill benefits, financial aid programs and choosing career or education goals. College offices, both on and off base, also provide advisement and assistance. Resources are also available at the base library.

Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning professional military education courses are available via correspondence. Several sources offer distance learning options, external degree programs and independent study opportunities. The Defense Activity for Non Traditional Support provides assistance through college-level challenge tests (CLEP for example) and college entrance exams, as well as other types of educational support. Most testing services are free of charge for active-duty members. Adult family members of active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and Reserve and Guard members can also benefit from DANTES services.

Counseling services are available, by appointment, to active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their families. The education center can be reached by calling (605) 385-2312 or DSN 675-2312, or by visiting the offices at 2700 Doolittle Drive.

Airman Leadership School

The mission of the Airman Leadership School is to prepare senior Airmen for positions of greater responsibility by broadening their leadership and managerial capabilities. The school is located in the Samuel O. Turner Professional Military Education Center and is fully equipped to support the five-week, in-residence course. The ALS faculty stands ready to instruct as many as 42 students per class, producing an average of 224 graduates each year.

Bandit Inn Dining Facility, Flight Kitchen

The Bandit Inn staff prepares nearly 20,000 meals each month. This facility was awarded Air Combat Command's first Food Service Excellence Award in



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1992 and was the runner up for the same award in 1995. The team of food service professionals also captured the 1993 John L. Hennessey Trophy, Single Facility, signifying the best food service operation in the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call (605) 385-1624 or DSN 675-1624.

Bellamy Fitness Center

The Bellamy Fitness Center is equipped to fill the needs of physical fitness enthusiasts, sports participants and individuals interested in gaining and or maintaining a healthy and fit lifestyle. The fitness center serves active-duty members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The fitness center features a state-of-the-art weight and cardiovascular rooms, three racquetball courts, two wallyball courts, three basketball courts, an indoor running track, a group exercise room, a parent-child workout room and steam and sauna rooms. Programs include a variety of intramural sports, aerobics and special events. The 60,000-square-foot Pride Hangar has an indoor running track and space for push-ups and sit-ups to accommodate those who are shift workers. For more information, call (605) 385-2266 or DSN 675-2266.

Pine Tree Inn

The Pine Tree Inn lodging operation manages more than 200 bed spaces/hotel rooms for all incoming and outgoing personnel, and provides lodging for transient military members. Visitors arrive at the Pine Tree Inn, which is the main building of the Ellsworth lodging operation. It houses the visiting officers quarters and distinguished visitor quarters. Construction of the Temporary Lodging Facility and the crew quarters was completed in the fall of 1989. Currently, six pet-friendly TLF units are authorized.

Due to heavy demand for TLF accommodations from June through August, it's strongly encouraged that people make lodging arrangements through the reservations desk at (605) 385-2844 or DSN 675-2844.

Black Hills Community Center

The Black Hills Community Center is located on the corner of Ellsworth and Risner streets, within walking distance of the Airman Residence Halls.

The center provides a setting for a variety of activities with young military members in mind. It includes a game room with Playstation 3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii, pool tables, dart boards, foosball tables and a ping pong table. There are also seven computers with high-speed Internet services and WiFi. Opportunities exist for participation in pool, darts and ping pong leagues. There is a lounge area with a big-screen TV and free movies on Tuesday nights. The snack bar offers a variety of food and drinks to satisfy the appetite. The center coordinates many major basewide events including picnics, Tops in Blue and the base open house. For more information, call (605) 385-1609 or DSN 675-1609.

Bandit Lanes

Bandit Lanes features 16 Brunswick lanes, a snack bar and a pro shop. Competitive leagues bowl almost every night except Saturday. Saturday nights, cosmic bowling is open for all base members. Parties may also be reserved for cosmic bowling. Open bowling is offered seven days a week at various times, and feature special pricing, and events are offered periodically. Ellsworth has very active men's, women's and youth associations, which sponsor events throughout the year. The snack bar offers a complete lunch and dinner menu. The pro shop offers a complete line of bowling items including balls, bags, shoes and a large selection of bowling aids. For more information, call (605) 385-2536 or DSN 675-2536.

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Dakota's

Dakota's is an all-ranks club with separate bars for enlisted and officer personnel. A Friday Night Social Hour offers many drink specials. The enlisted bar features a DJ on Friday who plays a wide variety of music to satisfy everyone's music taste. The club offers a cafeteria-style lunch weekdays. Evening dining hours vary in summer and winter to meet customer needs. The club also has a large ballroom area, which seats 300 people. It can be reserved for official and personal functions. Catering is also available.

Membership is available to all ranks and civilian equivalents. For more information, call (605) 385-1764 or DSN 675-1764.

Prairie Ridge Golf Course

The Ellsworth golf course is a regulation nine-hole facility that earned distinction as the 2007 Air Combat Command Golf Program of the Year. The course is located outside the main gate and has a championship layout. It measures 3,400 yards and has a course rating of 36. The pro shop offers all name brand equipment and apparel to suit any

golfer's needs. Custom-made clubs and golf lessons are available upon request. The practice areas offer natural grass and artificial hitting areas. There are two practice putting greens and practice sand traps, as well as chipping and pitching areas. The golf course can be reached at (605) 923-4999.

Human Resource Program

The human resource program is dedicated to the non-appropriated fund personnel needs of the squadron. The 28th Force Support Squadron employs approximately 200 non-appropriated fund employees in a variety of areas including crafts and trades, administrative and technical positions. Transition assistance personnel and military spouses who accompany their sponsor to Ellsworth have preference for job referrals. The human resource office staff may be contacted at (605) 385-2465 or DSN 675-2465.

Outdoor Recreation Program

The outdoor recreation program provides activities for Ellsworth residents throughout the year. The activities are designed to introduce people to the outdoors in the areas of white water rafting, rock climbing, canoeing, horseback riding, skiing and backpacking. Programs include fishing tournaments, volksmarches, a boating safety course, hunting and fishing seminars, ski trips to Montana, scenic trips through the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming, white water adventures in Colorado and numerous other activities throughout the year. The outdoor recreation program runs an indoor swimming pool, which is collocated with the Bellamy Fitness Center, and an outdoor swimming pool. A small information, tickets and tours counter offers discount tickets to several major attractions in the Midwest and West Coast, as well as a few local attractions. Tickets and Tours also has many information brochures on local attractions. Tour buses provide shuttles to Deadwood in South Dakota, the Mall of America in Minnesota and seasonal excursions to various sporting events in the Denver and Minneapolis areas. South Dakota hunting and fishing licenses are also available.

The outdoor recreation staff also oversees the FamCamp, located just inside the base's Patriot gate. It's within easy walking distance of the Shoppette. Each site is equipped with water and electricity hookups as well as picnic tables and grills. On site is an enclosed facility which houses a laundry room and showers. Space is limited, and stays are limited to seven days. Sites are not reserved and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The skeet and trap range is located north of the base firing range and is fully operational with two trap and two skeet ranges. Both intramural and recreational leagues are conducted throughout the year, as well as open times by appointment for a small fee per round.



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The outdoor recreation staff also oversees the equipment checkout area which features one of the widest varieties of equipment in the area. To find out more about the outdoor recreation program, call (605) 385-2997 or DSN 675-2997.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center houses the auto hobby center, arts and crafts center, United Parcel Service package service and a special occasion gift shop in a single facility.

Auto hobby enthusiasts can look forward to 14 stalls (four of which have hoists), two wash stalls, engine rebuild stalls and a welding stall. Additionally, an outside stall is available for RVs which are too large for the inside stalls. Nearby, there is a two-bay spray car wash. A wide variety of tools are on hand, as well as an experienced staff available to assist customers.

Services available include tire balancing and rotating, brake drum and rotor turning, battery charging, air conditioning service, radiator repair and a pressure tank for cleaning auto parts. Customers may also use lube, oil and filter services. The center also offers wrecker service for road emergencies (for which there's a fee).

The sales store stocks some related repair items including oil, oil filters, gear lubes, transmission fluid and hose clamps. Other repair parts, automotive paint and body repair materials, as well as customizing parts, are available through the sales store by special order.

The auto hobby center also manages the "Resale Lot" where vehicles can be placed for sale. Registration is required prior to displaying each vehicle. The phone number at the auto hobby center is (605) 385-2900 or DSN 675-2900.

Complementing auto hobby in the skills development center is the arts and crafts center, offering a full range of learning and advanced skills for the do-it-yourself hobbyist and crafts person. The frame shop provides instruction in measuring and fitting, glass cutting, matting techniques and frame chopper equipment. For the not-so-adventuresome, custom orders are taken and a trained staff member can create a beautiful frame to complete a customer's artwork. A retail area in the frame shop features limited edition prints by well-known artists.

The arts and crafts center staff can be reached at (605) 385-2901 or DSN 675-2901.

Holbrook Library

The Holbrook Library is open to all active-duty people, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, family members and students enrolled in classes through the base education office. The library's book collection of 44,000 volumes includes special collections of best sellers, children's books and South Dakota history. The library subscribes to many periodicals and newspapers, covering

subjects from accounting to wood working. Children and adults will find educational and recreational videos in the 800 cassettes available. The library also has audio books in cassette and CD format. It is expanding its collection of DVDs, all of which are available for checkout.

Nine personal computers are available for research, surfing the Web and e-mail purposes.

An almost endless reference department includes a wide variety of materials to support all on-base education courses. All libraries within South Dakota can be searched via computer and materials obtained through inter-library loan programs. Other computer services include ProQuest, which searches more than 1,000 periodicals, and News Bank, which searches more than 500 newspapers. Typewriters and a photocopier are available for customer use. Programs are available for the young reader, leisure reader or student. The Holbrook Library has four stars in the Air Force Accreditation program. For more information, call (605) 385-1688 or DSN 675-1688.

Youth Center

The Youth Center offers many recreational activities for youth, including sports programs (basketball, T-ball and soccer), instructional classes (taekwondo, piano and more) and drop-in activities (pool, foosball, ping pong, electronic and table games, etc.). In addition, experienced staff members also host private birthday parties. Participants, ages 6 to 18, must pay a small fee for all the fun and enjoyment which awaits them. A full-size

basketball court, extensive game room and monthly contests provide a recreational outlet for most youths. The youth center also has junior teen time and a standalone Teen Center offering a variety of fun, recreational and life skills building activities. The youth center offers a Before-and-After-School Program, primarily for elementary students, during the school year. During the summer months, an exciting summer day camp program provides structured full-day care for elementary school students. Questions, concerns or inquiries may be directed to (605) 385-2277 or DSN 675-2277.

Child Development Program

The Child Development Program offers activities for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years of age. The program is designed to promote the physical, social, emotional, intellectual and language development of children, while nurturing their self-esteem and creativity. A daily schedule ensures a healthy balance of all types of activities in each age group. The Child Development Center participates in the USDA Child and Adult Food Program with menus posted in each area. Space is limited to 204 children, which includes contract care and hourly care. Reservations for hourly care can be made up to one week in advance. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Child Development Program at Ellsworth is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information, call (605) 385-2488 or DSN 675-2488.



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Family Child Care Program

The Family Child Care Program is an alternative form of child care for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. The program is designed to help ensure the health and safety of children cared for in licensed daycare homes. The licensed home care providers provide Returning Home Care and Extended Duty Care through specially funded programs to help military members meet the mission requirements while having their children in a quality child care program. Adults wishing to offer daycare in base housing are required, by Air Force Instruction 34-276, to apply for licensing from the base commander through the family child care coordinator. Providing home daycare without doing so could result in termination of base housing

privileges. For information and specific requirements, call (605) 385-4270 or DSN 675-4270. For child care referral, call the 24-hour hotline at (605) 385-6104.

28th Medical Group

The 28th Medical Group provides outpatient medical care to active-duty members, their families, and retired personnel and their families enrolled in TRICARE Prime, along with dental care for active-duty members. All DEERS eligible beneficiaries may use the ancillary services, such as the pharmacy, laboratory and radiology. Other services are those from the veterinary clinic for routine vaccinations and treatment of minor illnesses for dogs, cats and horses belonging to active-duty and retired military personnel.

One of the first things personnel should do when arriving at Ellsworth is enroll to the 28 MDG or, in this region, for TRICARE PRIME. The TRICARE contractor is TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Inc., and Ellsworth is in the West region. To enroll, simply stop by the TRICARE Service Center located by the main entrance on the first floor of the clinic. Contact United Concordia to ensure you are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental plan. If you are not enrolled in this region and require civilian health care, TRICARE may not pay for health care.

Flight Medicine Clinic

The Flight Medicine Clinic is available to active-duty members on flying status and their families, as well as any Colonel and above or active-duty Chief Master Sgt. and their families.

Dental Clinic

Dental care is available for active-duty members only. Services offered include dental exams, cleanings, restorative dentistry (fillings), oral surgery, endodontics (root canals), crowns, bridges, treatment of gum disease and supporting structures. Family members may be seen on an emergency basis only, for relief of pain, and are strongly encouraged to sign up for the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan. For more information, visit the TRICARE Service Center located near the main entrance to the 28 MDG, on the Web at <http://www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com> or by calling (800) 866-8499.

Pharmacy

The pharmacy services are available to active-duty members, retirees and family members. The 28 MDG's pharmacy is the most affordable option available—it is free. Carrying many brand name and generic medicines, the pharmacy can usually fill prescriptions within 45 minutes. If the pharmacy does not carry what you or your family member needs, network pharmacies may be utilized with a minimal co-pay of \$3 for 30-days of generic medications, \$9 for 30-days of brand-name medications, or \$22 for certain non-formulary brand-name medication. Another option for family members could be the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program. Check with a TRICARE Service Representative or visit <http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil> for other TRICARE and pharmacy information.

Mental Health Clinic

The Mental Health Clinic provides a wide range of mental health services for all active-duty personnel. The MHC provides mental health evaluations, consultations, individual treatment and emergency intervention. They also conduct consultations for squadron commanders and first sergeants regarding active-duty members' treatment, prognosis, and administrative status. The MHC is



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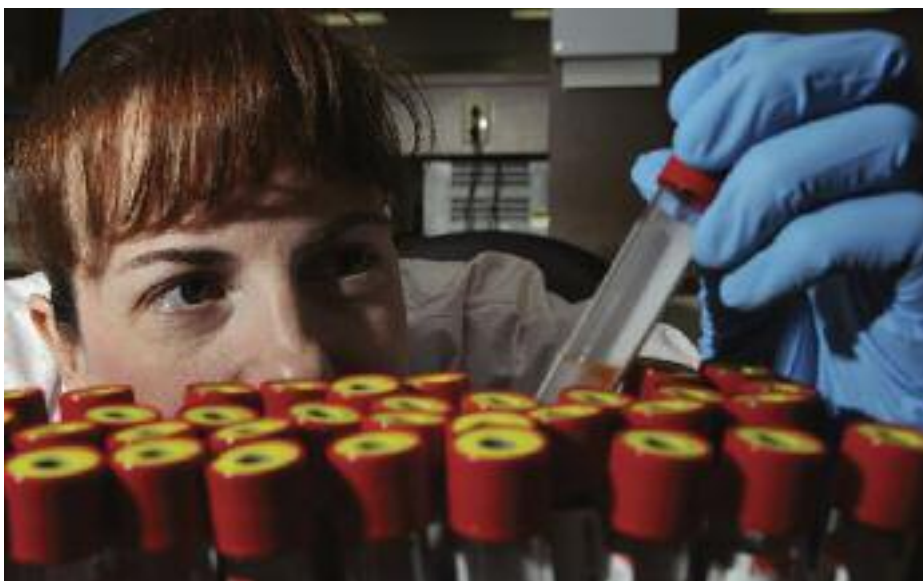


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responsible for the Suicide Prevention Program along with conducting several group therapy and prevention programs.

Mental health services for active-duty family members and retiree family members are available through TRICARE. Stop by or contact the TRICARE Service Center at (605) 923-6700 for a list of participating mental health providers in the local community and to learn how Mental Health benefits work. During duty hours, call (605) 385-3656 for a MHC appointment. A PCM referral is not required. Call (605) 385-3430 after duty hours.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse

Prevention and Treatment Program

The ADAPT office schedules, coordinates and conducts evaluations of active-duty personnel involved in substance abuse incidents. They also directly oversee and implement treatment plans with individualized regimens for all active-duty substance abuse clients. Such plans may include intensive outpatient rehabilitation and individual or group counseling sessions. The MHC also has an active Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention Program, including prevention and awareness briefings and randomized drug testing.

Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program specializes in the evaluation and treatment of family maltreatment and special needs families accomplished through four program components Family Maltreatment, Special Needs Identification Assignment and Coordination Process (formerly, Exceptional Family Member Program), Outreach and Prevention and New Parent Support Program. The Family Maltreatment component provides both consultation and treatment to families involved in family maltreatment. This component also provides consultation to commanders and first sergeants regarding an active-duty member's involvement in a suspected or known case of family maltreatment, their subsequent treatment and prognosis, and safety issues of family members or victims. Emergency maltreatment consultations to the emergency department or other hospital clinics upon notification of such a request are also available.

The Special Needs Identification Assignment and Coordination Process (formerly EFMP) component provides assessment, administrative action and referral for families with a member having exceptional medical, educational or psychological health needs requiring ongoing treatment from a specialist. The Special Needs Identification Assignment and Coordination Process conducts Family Member Relocation Clearances and Facility Determination Inquires on dependent family members to ensure services are available at the gaining base and family members are cleared for travel.

The Outreach and Prevention component provides education-based, family-related programs to

military personnel and their beneficiaries. Briefings are conducted for commanders, first sergeants, other base agencies and military personnel regarding family-related programs and services. Family education is offered through parenting classes, couples communication classes and support groups.

The New Parent Support Program offers a variety of educational and support services for active-duty members who are expecting, or who have children 36 months or younger. Limited marital and family therapy is available to active-duty members and their families who meet eligibility criteria (must be identified as high needs by a clinical assessment and objective screening tool).

During duty hours, call (605) 385-3660 for a Family Advocacy appointment or to report possible maltreatment.

Scheduling an Appointment

During Normal Duty Hours: The 28 MDG appointment line is (605) 385-6700, option 2. Phone lines are open from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for active-duty members, and are open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for all non-active duty members.

After Hours/Emergency Care: For any emergencies threatening life, limb, eyesight, unrelieved pain or for broken bones, immediately go to the nearest emergency department. Personnel are to

contact their PCM the next business day to advise him or her that ER care was sought and why. If follow-up care with a specialty provider is needed, contact your PCM or the MTF PCM on-call as soon as possible to ensure a referral is provided to TriWest. For other types of problems, the PCM on call can be reached by calling (605) 385-3430 for medical concerns after hours.

Prime Access Standards: Appointments will be scheduled as follows:

- Acute Care – Scheduled within 24 hours
- Routine Care – Scheduled within 7 days
- Well Appointments – Scheduled within 28 days

** For Routine and Well appointments, you may receive a phone call with an audio reminder the day prior to the appointment.*

What do you do if you require medical care downtown? For care with a specialist (e.g. orthopedist, audiologist, etc.), contact your Primary Care Manager first. If you go to the specialist without contacting your PCM first, you may have to pay for that visit.

If you or your family has a true medical emergency (defined as a threat to life, limb, eyesight or unrelieved pain), call 911 or seek care from the nearest medical facility. Contact your PCM as soon as possible to let them know why you went to the ER and inform them if the ER physician wants you to see any civilian specialty provider.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Customer Concerns

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3239/3388

Dental Clinic

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sick Call7:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3657/3658

Family Practice Clinic

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Appointments(605) 385-6700, Option 2

TriWest Referrals

.....(605) 923-6700, Option 5

Flight Medicine

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed every Wednesday afternoon for training

Appointments

.....(605) 385-6700/3663, Option 2

Immunization Clinic

Monday, Wednesday and
Friday7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday and
Thursday8 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
(Closed every Tuesday afternoon for allergy testing)
.....(605) 385-3365

Laboratory

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3459

Life Skills

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3656

Optometry Clinic

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-6700, Option 2

Public Health

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3383

Pharmacy

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3250
Refills.....(605) 385-3467

Physical Therapy

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3676

Radiology

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(605) 385-3444

TRICARE Service Center

Monday through Friday7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
.....(888) 874-9378

Veterinary Clinic

Monday through
Thursday8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday8 to 11:30 a.m.
.....(605) 385-1589

TRICARE Briefings

TRICARE offers many briefings to the beneficiary community to include the Newcomers' briefing, Heart Link briefing, Medical Right Start briefings, reunion briefings, pre-deployment briefings and various briefings at squadron commander's calls.

Heart Link: The Heart Link briefing is offered at the Airman and Family Readiness Center and is focused more toward family members.

Medical Right Start: This briefing is mandatory for all newly assigned active-duty members, and family members are highly encouraged to attend. It is offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month in conjunction with the 28th Bomb Wing Right Start program.

Commander's Calls: TRICARE is always available to brief at Commander's Calls to update members on new TRICARE policies or services.

Tenant Units/Associate Units

The Air Force Financial Services Center

Opened: Sept. 14, 2007

Organization: Field Operating Agency reporting to SAF/FMP

Personnel Assigned: 543 (includes military, civilian and contractor personnel)

Vision: Customer-focused financial services... warrior-ready financial professionals.

Mission: Deliver responsive, world-class 24/7 financial services and deploy skilled warriors supporting global operations.

Overview: The Air Force Financial Management community is in the midst of the largest change in its history—centralizing most military and travel pay operations from 109 locations into a consolidated Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth AFB.

The Air Force Financial Services Center provides travel/military pay services and support to active duty military and civilian personnel across the Air Force and travel pay services and support to reserve component military and civilian personnel through a centralized processing center and a full service contact center. Bases began migrating work to the processing center in October 2007 while the contact center is scheduled to begin operations in the near future.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 226

Within the jurisdiction of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is the single agency responsible for the investigation of major criminal, fraud and counter-intelligence matters. It identifies, investigates and neutralizes such crimes as espionage, terrorism, fraud, larceny, murder, assault, sex offenses and all other major criminal activities that threaten the people and resources of the Air Force and Department of Defense. AFOSI also serves a role similar to that of the U.S. Secret Service, providing personal protective services

TRICARE

Prime: While mandatory for active duty, family members of active duty and retirees under the age of 65 are encouraged to take advantage of this little-to-no-cost option. A Primary Care Manager will be assigned to you and your family and will work to ensure your overall well-being. If the type of care required is not offered by the PCM, he or she will place a referral for you or your family member to see a specialist in the TRICARE civilian network.

Standard: TRICARE Standard is available to family members and retirees. This option is the most costly, however, it provides for the greatest flexibility when seeing providers. Speak with a TRICARE Services Representative, located in the TRICARE Service Center, for more information and to determine if TRICARE Standard is the right health care choice.

Extra: Part of the TRICARE Standard option, TRICARE Extra offers a lower cost share when family members see TRICARE network civilian health care providers and facilities. Speak with a TRICARE Services Representative, located in the TRICARE Service Center, for more information and to determine if TRICARE Standard is the right choice.

Importance of DEERS: Much of the Military Health System's information concerning active-duty members, retirees, and their families is retrieved from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility and Reporting System maintained by the Military Personnel Element. Verify this information is accurate and up-to-date to ensure referrals and other health-related correspondence is sent to you in a timely manner—personnel should review their DEERS information for accuracy every three months.



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for high-ranking Air Force officials and other dignitaries. AFOSI keeps commanders informed of the ever-changing worldwide terrorist threat and promotes the Ellsworth AFB Eagle Eyes program, a community awareness program to detect indicators of potential terrorist activity. AFOSI Detachment 226 can be reached at (605) 385-2852 or DSN 675-2852.

Air Force Eagle Eyes Program

Service members' eyes and ears are critical weapons in the Global War on Terror. No matter how well trained and vigilant, law enforcement officials simply cannot be everywhere. Your eyes and ears—and those of your friends and family—can be an enormous help in preventing terrorism. After all, you know best what activities do—or do not—belong in and around your base, neighborhood, and community.

To enlist help in preventing terrorism, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations created and manages the Eagle Eyes program. Eagle Eyes puts you on the anti-terrorism team by providing the information you need to recognize and report suspicious behavior.

Your inputs, which can be submitted 24 hours a day, are immediately shared with appropriate law enforcement agencies and military commanders for rapid dissemination and investigation as necessary.

Families are encouraged to stay alert to their surroundings, whether on base or off, at home or elsewhere. Be on the lookout for suspicious activities described below and report anything unusual to the 28th Security Forces Law Enforcement, (605) 385-4001, AFOSI Detachment 226, (605) 385-2852 or local law enforcement by dialing 911.

The following are general categories of suspicious behavior:

- **Surveillance:** Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.
- **Elicitation:** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.
- **Tests of security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- **Acquiring supplies:** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.
- **Suspicious persons out of place:** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace,



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neighborhood, business establishment or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

- **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.
- **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

Defense Security Service

The Defense Security Service, formerly known as the Defense Investigative Service, plays a crucial role in safeguarding our nation's security. As a Department of Defense agency, DSS makes its contribution to the National Security Community by conducting personnel security investigations and providing industrial security products and services, as well as offering comprehensive security education and training to DoD and other government entities. To complement its three primary missions—the Personnel Security Investigations Program, the Industrial

Security Program and the Security Education, training and Awareness Program—DSS offers the unique advantage of integrating counterintelligence into its core security disciplines through our training programs, policy development and operational support to our field elements.



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The mission of DSS is realized through the expert and dedicated efforts of approximately 2,600 employees strategically located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Almost one half of the DSS workforce is comprised of special agents who accomplish approximately 500,000 personnel security investigations each year. Another 255 DSS employees are industrial security representatives who oversee, advise and assist more than 11,000 contractor facilities involved with classified contracts, and research and development efforts.

Detachment 8, 372nd Training Squadron

Detachment 8 is one of 44 Air Education and Training Command training detachments throughout the world. They provide formal training for the B-1 maintenance community, supporting Ellsworth, Dyess, Tinker and Edwards Air Force Bases.

Additionally, Det. 8 has an operating location at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., which supports the B-52 maintenance community there and at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Det. 8 also provides oversight of a maintenance contract on training simulators at several bases. The detachment currently employs 24 people at Ellsworth and eight at Minot and trains more than 1,000 B-1 maintainers annually.

Great Planes Area Audit Office, Team C, Air Force Audit Agency

The mission of the Air Force Audit Agency is to provide all levels of Air Force management with independent, objective and quality audit services that include reviewing and promoting economy, effectiveness and efficiency of operations; evaluating programs and activities and assisting management in achieving intended results; assessing and improving fiduciary stewardship and the accuracy of financial reporting.



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The AFAA audit operating location at Ellsworth is independent of the base and reports directly to the AFAA, Great Plains Area Audit Office, Team C, at Offutt AFB, Neb. Reports of audit are issued at the conclusion of each audit and contain recommendations designed to improve the efficiency of Air Force operations.

An AFAA staff of two is stationed at Ellsworth to provide prompt response to local management

problems and to provide real-time response to Air Force-wide conditions. As members of the Air Force management team, auditors strive to achieve better use of scarce Air Force resources.

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service office, located at 630 Twining St., is a satellite

DRMO. Central DRMO is located at Fort Riley, Kan., and maintains administrative and operational responsibility for this site in South Dakota.

The primary mission of the DRMO is the receipt of all excess, surplus and recyclable property from Department of Defense activities in South Dakota. Redistribution of this property to federal government agencies and authorized state and or local recipients is the number one objective of the DRMO. Redistribution of this property saves taxpayers' dollars by using the current excess or surplus property versus buying the same items new.

DRMO Ellsworth no longer sells surplus property. This function has been contracted out to a private company. Government Liquidation which can be found online at: <http://www.govliquidation.com>.

DRMO plays an important part in the environmental program by ensuring all hazardous property is disposed of in an environmentally safe manner, adhering to all DoD, federal, state and local law requirements. Any questions regarding hazardous property should be directed (605) 385-1019 or (605) 385-6625

Operational hours for turn-in and screening are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Turn-ins by appointment only; call (605) 385-1022 to schedule an appointment.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross provides assistance in emergency communication, personal and family problems, information and referral to active-duty members and their families.

The American Red Cross has volunteers at the base hospital, legal office and the base library, in addition to others who volunteer their time in health and safety services—CPR, first aid, water safety and an active youth program. They also have specially trained volunteers in casework, disasters and in various other areas of the community.

The Red Cross office is located in the Rushmore Center at 1000 Ellsworth St. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The phone number during normal duty hours is (605) 385-1381. If emergency assistance is required after duty hours or on weekends, contact the Black Hills Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at (605) 342-4010.



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Housing

Housing

The Ellsworth Housing Office hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. During non-duty hours, current on-base and off-base information is available at <http://www.ellsworth.af.mil>.

Military Family Housing

Currently, Ellsworth Military Family Housing totals 1,846 units. There are 216 units for officers and 1,630 units for enlisted personnel. Dakota Ridge, constructed in 1989 and located in Rapid City, is a 200-unit development for senior NCOs and officers. Centennial Estates, constructed in 1989 and 1990, is located on base and contains 828 units for all grades. Prairie View, constructed in 2004, is located on base and contains 100 junior enlisted units. Dakota Ridge and Centennial Estates are Section 801 "Build Leases" totaling 1,028 units. Ellsworth has two Capehart developments, Black Hills Estates and Rushmore Heights, that were constructed in the early 1960s and are occupied by all grades. Specific areas of Black Hills Estates and Rushmore Heights are being deactivated by attrition. Currently, there are 75 replacement units for junior enlisted under construction in Rushmore Heights and, when completed, will bring the total Air Force owned units to 887 and the grand total to 1,921.

All active-duty military members who are eligible for BAH at the with-dependent rate are eligible for military family housing. This includes members who have dependents in their own right.

To be placed on the waiting list, service members must complete a housing application form (DD Form 1746) either at their current housing office, to be forwarded to Ellsworth, or by stopping in at the Ellsworth housing office upon arrival. Completing an advanced application is recommended.

Waiting lists are established for all categories of housing in accordance with current policy and directives. Within these designations, waiting lists are maintained by date of application and the number of bedrooms the member is eligible for based on grade and the size of the family.

Inquiries regarding status on the waiting lists or approximate waiting times for housing can be answered by calling (605) 385-2570 or by visiting the Web site above. In addition, the following website can provide an exact position (number) on the waiting list using a Social Security number <http://www.airforcehousing.hq.af.mil/>.

Off-Base Housing

To assist newcomers or individuals looking for off-base housing, the Ellsworth Housing



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Flight has their own Web site, <http://www.ahrn.com>, with the most current rentals on the market. The listings on this Web site contain information such as size of house, whether it is furnished or not, location, pictures, pet requirements, cost, contact numbers, security deposit or lease required.

When renting, most landlords require the first month's rent and entire security deposit in advance. Also, most rentals require a minimum security deposit of \$150, however, under South Dakota law, a deposit of up to one month's rent is legal.

In 1968, the U.S. Congress declared a national policy of providing fair housing throughout the United States. This law makes discrimination, which is based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, illegal in regard to sale or rental of most housing. The housing flight is responsible for maintaining equal opportunity standards in the off-base housing program. Advise them promptly of any cases of actual or suspected discrimination.

To assist those who might be interested in purchasing a home in the Rapid City area, the housing flight has select sales listings of homes and mobile homes provided by military personnel leaving the area, participating members of the Rapid City Multiple Listing Service and area independent realtors or cooperating individuals in the local community. Veterans' Administration eligibility applications, as well as names, addresses and phone numbers of banks, savings and loan organizations and others who can negotiate home loans—VA, FHA or conventional—are also available.

Dorms

Central Dormitory Management hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central dorm management personnel can be reached at (605) 385-2567 during normal duty hours. There are eight hospitality suites available for single, unaccompanied Airmen, E-4 and below, when you arrive at Ellsworth AFB. Dorm rooms may be pre-issued (when available) to sponsors of inbound personnel with a copy of the member's orders.

Unaccompanied housing at Ellsworth is available for all single Airmen in the ranks of E-1 through E-4. There are 607 rooms in five dorms, with all rooms being single occupancy. Each dorm has one game room (card and pool tables, dart boards), one kitchen, one laundry room and at least four TV rooms (high definition cable and WiFi are installed in each first floor day room). Individual dorm rooms are pre-wired for cable television, high-speed cable Internet service and phone service. Individual room cable, phone and Internet service is provided by local vendors. Members must contract with local cable company for in-room cable service. Dorm management can provide contact information and assist with questions regarding private cable service.



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Community Services

Commissary

The Commissary is a modern, well-stocked facility, meeting the needs of active-duty members, retirees and their families. It's located at 2649 LeMay Blvd. Commissary hours are Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed Monday and holidays.

Base Exchange Complex

The Base Exchange Complex is located directly across from the commissary. Within the facility are the main exchange, flower shop, optical shop, military clothing and sales, and both a barber and beauty shop. Also in the shopping center is a food court which houses a variety of eating establishments.

Main exchange hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed holidays. Operating hours of other stores and shops within the exchange shopping center vary.

Shoppette

The Shoppette, located at 2932 Arnold Drive, has self-serve gas pumps, many convenience store items and offers video rental service. The hours of operation are 5 to 1 a.m. Self-service gas pumps are open 24 hours for credit or debit card transactions.

Base Theater

Movies are shown at the base theater Thursday through Sunday. Movies start at 7 p.m. with occasional matinees on Saturday and Sunday. For a recorded message on movies currently being shown, and show dates and times, call (605) 385-1685.

Sentinel Federal Credit Union

Sentinel Federal Credit Union is connected to the Base Exchange. It's a full-service financial institution, here to meet the needs of military members and their families.

There's also a branch office in downtown Rapid City at the corner of West Boulevard and St. Joseph Street. Both offices offer checking accounts with no monthly fees and no minimum balance; free ATM cards—ATM machine at both offices; 24-hour banking by phone; and a low-APR Visa card—variable rate, no



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annual fee, 25-day grace period. Stop by either location for more information on all services, or call (605) 923-1405 or (888) 923-1400.

Business hours for the Ellsworth branch office are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Business hours for the Rapid City office are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drive-up service is available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon; and closed Sunday and holidays.

Chapel

The chapel communities celebrate religious freedom, provide for the worship of God and help people grow spiritually and emotionally.

The chapel staff coordinates a variety of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services; religious education classes, Bible studies, music programs; youth, men's, women's and singles' activities; as well as social and humanitarian projects.

Chaplain visit every base organization regularly, and offer counseling, weddings, baptisms, funerals, dedications, communion and confirmation.

Ellsworth has two chapels, the Freedom Chapel at 1554 Ellsworth St., and the Black Hills Chapel at 1192 Foulis Drive. For schedules and information, call (605) 385-1598.

The B-One Yard

The B-One Yard combines the Base Thrift Shop and Airman's Attic, whose primary missions are to lend a helping hand to junior enlisted personnel. Both services are collocated. For more information, call (605) 385-5383.



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Local Area

Rapid City

In 1874, a flow of settlers were lured into the Black Hills by the discovery of gold. Through the gold rush, industries such as lumbering, ranching and farming began to grow.

Rapid City was founded in 1876. It's the county seat of Pennington County and is located about 30 miles from the western border of South Dakota, midway north and south, in the eastern foothills of the Black Hills. Spring-fed Rapid Creek flows through the city, paralleling the main business streets. Rapid City is the transportation center of western South Dakota. The city's elevation is about 3,240 feet above sea level.

Current estimates from the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Department place Rapid City's population at approximately 62,000. The city area encompasses 30 square miles, and is the largest in the state. The city's 200-mile retail trade area has a total population of nearly 460,000.

The climate is semi-arid, with excellent flying conditions, moderate winters, cool summer nights and low humidity. Average temperature is 46.6 degrees with an average annual precipitation of 55.8 inches.

Local industry includes tourism, stock raising, agriculture, meat packing, electronics, mobile home manufacturing, computer components, state fish hatchery, creameries, and cement and concrete product manufacturing.

Area Culture and Background

Ellsworth AFB is a major employer in the State of South Dakota, with more than 4,500 employees. The total economic impact, in a five-county area, was nearly \$298 million in fiscal year 2007. Communities within close proximity to the base are Rapid City and Box Elder.

Today, South Dakota boasts one of the nation's most stable economies. Unemployment rates are among the lowest in the country. The presence of Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Mountain, numerous other attractions and the scenic beauty of the Black Hills make tourism a major industry—particularly in the summer months. Mining, logging and agriculture also contribute to the coffers of one of the few remaining states to run at a budget surplus.

Perhaps because of the long and colorful history of the area, most citizens foster a strong sense of both community and pride.

Local city and town governments reflect this attitude.

The political structure of the area is designed to meet the needs of growing communities. The "good neighbor" concept, established in



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old West traditions, seems to be a governing principle for an area where people can still pay by check—with no identification required. City and county government is active, highly participative and addresses issues ranging from law enforcement to environmental concerns.

Cowboy boots, pickup trucks, high plains grassland and pine-covered mountains may give Rapid City a western flair and easy-going lifestyle, but living or visiting Rapid City also creates a striking atmosphere for music, art and drama.

The arts are an important part of the community and are growing strong thanks to dedicated support from civic-minded volunteers, educators and a government interested in supporting the variety the arts can add to city life.

The downtown fine arts center, city supported symphony and band as well as an active group theater, provide ample opportunity for those interested in joining or watching the arts.

The Dahl Fine Arts Center, a \$600,000 gift from the late banker, A. E. Dahl and his wife, has become the hub of cultural activity. Its focal point is a 200-foot circular mural that depicts the development of America from the landing of Columbus to the space age. Famous muralist and western artist Bernard Thomas was commissioned to paint the "Cyclorama," the largest work of its kind in the Western United States.

Aside from the organized activity of varied art forms in Rapid City and the Black Hills, the entire region is fast becoming home and a place of inspiration for many fine artists. The varied beauty of the Black Hills, startling openness of the prairie and its endless skyline offer countless opportunities for painters, photographers, sculptors and innovative artists of all kinds.

Education

When it comes to education, South Dakota is wired for success. South Dakota has the highest percent of high school graduates in the nation. When it comes to computers, South Dakota has the highest computer-to-student ratio.

In the Black Hills, education doesn't end with high school. This region is home to two state universities, a technical institute and several private colleges.

Incoming families are encouraged to register their children in school as soon as possible. When registering children in school, parents need to provide the record of attendance and grades from previous schools, if available, and a birth certificate for kindergarten registration. Shot records are also needed when registering kindergartners.

Rapid City Area School District

The Rapid City School District, second largest in South Dakota, is dedicated to providing students equal access to an excellent educational program which results in their becoming responsible citizens



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who know how to learn, value life-long learning and to cope with life in a changing society.

With an enrollment of 13,113 students, the district encompasses more than 419 square miles. It consists of 16 elementary, five middle schools and five high schools.

The district provides multi-faceted educational opportunities through regular and special classes and also through community education programs and extensive after-school co-curricular activities.

Committed to community involvement, the Rapid City Area Schools encourage phone calls or visits to any schools or offices.

Bus transportation is available to Rapid City School District students in first through eighth grade who live more than two and a half miles from their assigned attendance area.

Rapid City Regional Hospital

Rapid City Regional Hospital is a not-for-profit regional medical center operated in trust for the community and region by a 13-member board of trustees, who represent the local communities.

The hospital is licensed for 310 acute-care and 56 psychiatric beds and is accredited by two pre-eminent organizations who are recognized for establishing standards that govern the delivery of quality health care services the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and the Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Rapid City Regional Hospital is one of Rapid City's largest employers and it is the region's major medical referral center. Serving a population base of 320,000, Rapid City Regional Hospital provides advanced health care for Western South Dakota and

parts of North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. The hospital's commitment to providing advanced medical services to Rapid City and the surrounding region has never been stronger.

Rapid City Regional Hospital and Black Hills Rehabilitation Hospital employ more than 2,200 people. Throughout the past several years, the hospitals have added new programs and enhanced various existing services. The cardiovascular surgery services, cancer care services, diagnostic imaging services, mobile CT scanning, laser surgery, neonatal intensive care, air ambulance, dialysis, psychiatric and chemical dependency and sleep disorders center and rehabilitation programs are some of the services offered by the hospital.

Black Hills Regional Eye Institute

The Black Hills Regional Eye Institute has been offering eye care for more than 22 years. The institute serves the surrounding five-state region, with 13 satellite clinics and a modern eye-care facility in Rapid City. Experienced physicians and staff are experts in all areas of eye exams, glaucoma treatment, cataract surgery, retina and cornea, pediatric care and strabismus, oculoplastics and refractive surgery techniques to lessen the need for glasses or contact lenses.

Employment Opportunities and Procedures

Off-Duty Employment: The Airman and Family Readiness Center, located at the Rushmore Center, maintains a listing of job opportunities and provides résumé assistance.

Full-Time or Part-Time Employment For Dependents: Rapid City Career Center has a vast listing of jobs which individuals may apply for. This agency offers an excellent beginning for military



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dependents looking for full or part-time employment. For more information about Rapid City Career Center, located at 111 New York St. in Rapid City, call (605) 394-2296.

Volunteer Positions: The Airman and Family Readiness Center at Ellsworth can provide information for individuals interested in volunteer work. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at (605) 385-4663.

Public Transportation

Airport

The Rapid City Regional Airport, located seven miles from Ellsworth, off of Highway 44, is one of the most active airports in the region. The airport has an 8,701 foot main runway and a 3,600 foot asphalt crosswind runway. Rapid City Regional Airport serves Black Hills with five commercial airlines: Allegiant Air, Frontier Airlines, Northwest Airlines, United Express and Skywest Airlines. They average more than 17 flights daily to and

from the major hubs of Minneapolis, Salt Lake City and Denver. Ground transportation is provided by Airport Express Shuttle, taxi and six car rental brands. For more information, call (605) 394-4195.

Bus Depot

The Milo Barber Transportation Center (bus depot) is located at 300 Sixth St. in Rapid City. Rapid Ride provides daily bus service with routes throughout the city. For more information, call Rapid Ride at (605) 394-6631.

Law Enforcement

The Rapid City Police Department employs 106 police officers and about 33 civilians. Emergency 911 phone service is available. The routine phone number for the Rapid City Police Department is (605) 394-4133.

Driver's License

Non-residents may operate a motor vehicle in South Dakota in accordance with the general

motor vehicle laws. Non-residence military personnel and dependents are exempt from South Dakota licensing requirements provided they keep their out-of-state operator's license current, properly claim legal residency in that state and the military sponsor remains on active duty. For more information, call the Department of Motor Vehicles at (605) 394-2912.

Fire Department

The city is serviced by the Rapid City Fire Department. This not only includes the main station, but also seven sub-stations plus daytime employees.

Recreation

Rapid City is the gateway to the Black Hills which offer unlimited hours of recreation including sightseeing, hiking, camping, swimming, sailing, water skiing, fishing, rockhounding, spelunking, horseback riding, hunting, downhill and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

The entire state of South Dakota offers excellent opportunities for the outdoor sportsman. The many rivers, lakes and streams provide habitat for bass, trout, walleye and northern pike, salmon, bluegill, perch, crappie and catfish. The fall and winter seasons offer a challenge for elk, mule and whitetail deer, American pronghorn, turkey, pheasant, quail, partridge, grouse, goose, duck, prairie chicken, dove, coyote, fox, jackrabbit, cottontail, squirrel and prairie dog. U.S. Armed Forces personnel who have been continuously stationed in South Dakota for at least 90 days immediately preceding application for a license are eligible to purchase resident licenses. License and licensing information are available from the Department of Game, Fish and Parks Licensing Office, 412 W. Missouri, Pierre, S.D., 57501; County Treasurer Offices; the Black Hills Center (on base) or other authorized agents. For more information, call (605) 733-3393.

South Dakota Air and Space Museum

The South Dakota Air and Space Museum is located outside of Ellsworth's main gate. The museum has inside exhibits and a gift shop. Aircraft and missile displays are located outside of the museum. There are more than 1,000 items in this collection which range from World War I to the present. A Minuteman II Training Launch Facility, located on base, can be viewed as part of an organized museum tour.

The museum is an Air Force field museum, operated by a civil service employee and supported by the Ellsworth Heritage Foundation.

The museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week from March to the end of December; and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week, from mid-September to mid-May. The museum is closed on holidays. For more information or to arrange a tour, call (605) 385-5189.



City Museums

Rapid City's museums include the Dahl Fine Arts Center, Sioux Indian Museum, the Minnelusa Historical Association Museum and the Museum of Geology on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology campus, with some of the most famous fossils in the world.

The Journey, a \$12.5 million state-of-the-art museum of world-class quality and size, opened in Rapid City in 1997, climaxing decades-long efforts to make it a reality. The Journey provides a high-tech trip through 2.5 billion years of Black Hills history in its 48,000 square feet of floor space, built and operated by the City of Rapid City. It incorporates the collections of four outstanding museums and a private collection into a sweeping pageant of the history and evolution of the Black Hills, both geologic and human.

Libraries

Area libraries are the Rapid City Public Library, the National College Library, National American University Learning Resource Center, Rapid City Regional Health Sciences Library, Western Dakota Technical Institute Library and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Library. The Douglas School System library is available to families living in the Box Elder area.

The Rapid City Public Library's collection of 112,000 volumes and more than 350 newspapers and magazines offers something to read, view or hear for a wide range of interests. Strong growth areas are in business and audio-visual materials. Its South Dakota collection includes many hard-to-find items for historical research. Specially commissioned art works add touches of interest to a spacious reading area. Also available are films, records and framed art works.

Box Elder

History of Box Elder

The City of Box Elder serves as the gateway to the Black Hills and has three active entrances into Ellsworth Air Force Base. In the late 1800s, the future site of Box Elder was a fertile valley, luring settlers west with untold promise. Lone Tree, a few miles east of Box Elder, was originally a stop for the covered wagons and horsemen coming to the Black Hills from Fort Pierre on the Black Hills Stage and Wagon Road. Box Elder was born as a whistle stop town in 1907 when the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad built a track from Wall to Rapid City. The new town was named after the Box Elder trees which grew along the head waters of the creek that flows through the valley. Box Elder was officially incorporated as a city in 1964 during the Cold War expansion of Ellsworth Air Force Base. Today, Box Elder is home to more than 4,000 people, in addition to the Base population, and is one of South Dakota's fastest growing cities. The



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City of Box Elder, nestled between EAFB and Rapid City, offers city convenience with a small town atmosphere.

Education

The City of Box Elder is home to the Douglas School District, one of the finest school systems in South Dakota. District facilities consist of the Carousel Preschool, Badger Clark Elementary, Francis Case Elementary, Vandenberg Elementary, Douglas Middle and Douglas High Schools. The district serves approximately 2,500 kindergarten through 12th grade students. The school district provides bus transportation for all students that are not within close walking distance of the school. The district's registration and administration number is (605) 923-0000.

The Little Scholar's Preschool provides private preschool services to children 3 to 5 years old. Their contact number is (605) 923-0860.

Douglas School District

The Douglas School District consists of Badger Clark Elementary, Carousel Preschool, Douglas High School, Douglas Middle School, Francis Case Elementary and Vandenberg Elementary.

It is located in Western South Dakota on the edge of the Black Hills and serves approximately 2,400 kindergarten through 12th grade students from Box Elder, Ellsworth Air Force Base and the surrounding rural area.

Children living on Ellsworth or in the Box Elder community will attend the Douglas School System. Busing is provided to school children living on base.

Law Enforcement

The Box Elder Police Department employs eight full-time officers and 12 reserve officers. The

administrative contact phone number to the Box Elder Police Department is (605) 923-1401.

Fire Department

The Box Elder Volunteer Fire Department proudly protects an area of 81 square miles. They are members of the Pennington County Fire Fighter's Association and are centrally located in the City of Box Elder at 120 Box Elder Road. The VFD contact number is (605) 923-1224. The VFD also hosts area voters, as a polling station, on Election Day.

Recreation

Box Elder offers a variety of recreational pursuits in addition to being the Gateway to the Black Hills, such as Bandit Ball Little League, a BMX bike track, Prairie Ridge Golf Course, a paint ball arena and five city parks.

Services

Box Elder has many varieties of businesses to serve your needs.

For more information, contact the Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce, which can be found online at <http://beacc.com/default.aspx>.

Box Elder is presently working on developing a new commercial corridor along Liberty Boulevard to meet the needs of EAFB and Box Elder in the future.

Local Sights

Black Hills

In 1775, Standing Buffalo, an Oglala Sioux, discovered an area called Paha Sapa, meaning "mountains that are black." The Black Hills were considered the center of the universe and sacred by the Sioux Indians and an oasis in the prairie by the early settlers. Seen from a distance, the dense

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stands of pine and fir make the hills appear black against the western sky, hence the name.

Known for the gold that lured the early explorers and prospectors, the Black Hills now lure the resident and traveler to a wealth of natural wonders, more valuable than the prospectors' gold ever was.

Within the broad confines of the Black Hills National Forest, you'll find Custer State Park, two national monuments, Wind Cave and Devil's Tower; one national park, Jewel Cave; one national memorial, Mount Rushmore; numerous sparkling lakes and hundreds of miles of beautiful hiking trails. Fifty miles to the east, carved from the eroded remains of an ancient sea floor is the Badlands National Park.

Wind Cave

According to Sioux legend, Wind Cave is the place where the buffalo were blown from under the earth to feed the Lakota people. In reality, changing atmospheric pressure causes a constant wind to blow from the cave that will chill the unwary who fail to bring a jacket or sweater—even in summer.

Devil's Tower

Devil's Tower is truly a natural marvel and one that was not built as a movie prop for "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Just across the Wyoming border, Devil's Tower looms over the Belle Fourche River where antelope and prairie dogs roam its base. For the truly adventurous and qualified, a quick climb up the tower with ropes and pitons will verify that no little green men are still around.

Jewel Cave National Monument

Jewel Cave National Monument is reached by taking an elevator several hundred feet straight down, to follow the twists and turns of a cavern that is still not completely explored.

Black Hills National Forest

Surrounding all this is the Black Hills National Forest, which offers picnic and camping areas, hiking and riding trails and fishing and boating on the numerous streams and lakes.

Sturgis

West of Rapid City is Sturgis, which annually hosts hot air balloons participating in the race held each year. Sturgis also hosts the annual Sturgis Bike Week, the second-largest motorcycle rally in the United States.

Spearfish

The city of Spearfish, located northwest of Rapid City, offers a scenic driving route. Spearfish Canyon has several scenic natural wonders such as Bridal Veil and Roughlock Falls. Spearfish also hosts the Passion Play, which depicts scenes from the life and time of Christ.

Custer State Park

Custer State Park, in the central Black Hills, is where the largest herd of wild buffalo in the nation roam free. A wildlife trail takes you through the area where the main herd grazes, and though seemingly placid, several tons of charging buffalo can go anywhere they want. If you want a close look, do it with camera or binoculars. If more

refined recreation is desired, one can stay at one of the four lodges that serve the park. In the evening, take in one of the plays that are presented at the Black Hills Playhouse from June to August. For Reservations, call (605) 255-4141.

Badlands National Park

Fifty miles east of Rapid City, away from the trees and hills, one can find a different type of beauty in the erosion-carved spires of the Badlands National Park. Carved from the eroded mud of an ancient sea floor, the Badlands were so named by Native Americans and settlers for their unsuitability as habitat and the difficulties encountered in traveling through them.

Dinosaur Park

Dinosaur Park, located on Skyline Drive in Rapid City, is home to the gigantic cement dinosaurs that depict the past. From Dinosaur Park, one has a magnificent view of Rapid City and the Black Hills. For more information, call (605) 343-8687.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

A quick 45 minutes from Rapid City sits the crown jewel of the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Carved from the granite of the mountain, the stone faces of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln stare out across the Black Hills as a tribute to the men and women who helped make America what it is today. The memorial is free and is best seen in the mid-morning light, however, a special lighting ceremony, held from early summer to late fall, adds special meaning to the memorial. A blend of pageantry and patriotism, the ceremony lights the memorial against the night sky.

Crazy Horse Monument

About 10 miles away on a straight line—unfortunately, about 25 miles by road—another mountain sculpture is taking shape as Chief Crazy Horse emerges from the granite. Conceived on a vast scale, the sculpture is not on the mountain, it is the mountain. With entirely private funding, the sheer magnitude of work required and the vagaries of weather, it's not surprising that no completion date is scheduled. Still, slowly but surely, the face of the Lakota Chief, his outstretched arm and the head and neck of his horse are taking shape.

Deadwood

Further north, the old frontier town of Deadwood still thrives on its legends and the ghosts of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Poker Alice still haunt the town. At Saloon #10, the chair that Wild Bill was sitting in when he was gunned down holding the dead man's hand, aces and eights, hangs over the entrance. Both Wild Bill and Calamity Jane are buried in historic Mt. Moriah Cemetery, which overlooks the town.



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